Smithery section of the Carpentry School, Quilon.

333. *MR. G. NILAKANTAN (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state why the Smithery Section is not being opened in the Carpentry and Smithery School at Quilon (as per the rules passed by Government in March 1925) ?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): The carpentry section was first started and its success had to be assured before the smithery section could be added to the school. The carpentry section was found to be working satisfactorily. But, before the smithery section could be introduced, it was decided that the institution should be shifted to Trivandrum, and it is therefore thought desirable to take up the question only after the school is shifted to Trivandrum.

Bridges over the Munnar River.

334. *MR. G. NILAKANTAN (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) if two bridges have been constructed over the Munnar river close to each other in the Munnar Town, Devicolam :

(*b*) the necessity for two bridges so close to each other ;

(*c*) whether they were constructed by Government or by private agency ;

(*d*) the cost of the two bridges ;

(*e*) the year in which they were constructed ;

(*f*) if they were built by a private agency, whether they were built at the instance of Government ; and

(*g*) whether any contribution was made by Government and, if so, the amount of such contribution and the year in which such contribution was sanctioned ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): (*a*) No such bridges have been constructed by Government.

(*b*) to (*g*) These do not arise.

Sale of salt at factories.

335. *MR. G. NILAKANTAN (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) if the salt licensees are at liberty to remove for sale their share of the salt manufactured by them on payment of the prescribed duty and

(*b*) if the Salt Rule No. 64 has been so modified as to confer upon the excise authorities power to close or allow sales in the factories at their pleasure ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): (*a*) Yes, according to the Rules.

(*b*) A discretion has been allowed to the excise authorities to regulate such sales.

An Anchal Office at Madavoor-Pallikkal in the Chirayinkil Taluk.

336 *MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): With reference to the answer given to Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai (*Chirayinkil* cum

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Nedumangad) in the Sri Chitra State Council on 9-4-1109 (Vol. II No. 2) regarding the opening of an Anchal Office at Madavoor-Pallikkal in Chirayinkil taluk, will the Government be pleased to state whether they have enquired into the matter of offering security?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes. One Easwara Kurup Govinda Kurup, Alummootil, Madavoor-Pallikkal, has offered to deposit a sum of Rs. 250 both as guarantee against loss to Government in the working of the Anchal Office if opened and as security for the combined post of master and runner.

Assessment on Kuthakapattam lands.

337. *MR. S. **NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether, at the time of the last Settlement, Sirkar lands having yielding trees have been given on *Kuthakapattam* without term to owners of adjacent lands on the ground that such owners have effected improvements on those Sirkar lands;

(*b*) if so, the basis on which assessment was made on those lands; and

(*c*) whether steps are now being taken in the Chirayinkil and Nedumangad taluks to revise and enhance the assessment fixed at the time of the last Settlement?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*):

(*a*) No.

(*b*) and (*c*) These questions do not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*)

Appointment of ladies in the P. W. Department.

333. *MR. S. **NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received applications from ladies, either graduates or under-graduates, for the posts of clerks and typists in the Chief Engineer's Office and in the offices subordinate thereto:

(*b*) whether any lady applicants have been appointed hitherto; and

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the negative, the reason therefor?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) For want of suitable vacancies and the fact that there are many male acting hands to be absorbed.

Causeway on the Pallikkal—Chadayamangalam road.

339. *MR. S. **NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any representation against the construction of a "Chappathi" near the second mile-stone on the Pallikkal-Chadayamangalam road and

(*b*) if so, the action taken in the matter?

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